

## Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium

Bill #	SB0030	Title:	Revise r	eimbursement for meals, lodging
Primar	y Sponsor: Gebhardt, Kelly	 Status:	As Intro	duced
	Significant Local Gov Impact	Needs to be included in HB 2		Technical Concerns
	Included in the Executive Budget	Significant Long-Term Impacts		Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

1.25 mill Gen fund) FISCAL SUMMARY

	FY 2010 Difference	FY 2011 Difference	FY 2012 Difference	FY 2013 Difference
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$106,434	\$109,095	\$111,822	\$114,618
State Special Revenue	\$243,503	\$249,591	\$255,830	\$262,226
Federal Special Revenue	\$85,845	\$87,991	\$90,191	\$92,446
Other	\$28,860	\$29,582	\$30,321	\$31,079
MUS - Current Unrestricted Fund	\$10,153	\$10,407	\$10,667	\$10,934
MUS - Other	\$17,475	\$17,912	\$18,360	\$18,819
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MUS - Current Unrestricted Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MUS - Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	(\$106,434)	(\$109,095)	(\$111,822)	(\$114,618)

## **Description of fiscal impact:**

The cost of in-state meal reimbursement would be \$25.92 per day; an increase of \$2.92 per day, based on the current federal standard rate of \$36 per day.

No projected increase was calculated to the amount paid for in-state lodging as employees are not currently able to find lodging at \$35 a night and have been following the federal standard rate of \$70, as allowed in policy per 2-18-501(3), MCA.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

## **Assumptions:**

All state agencies -

- 1. The current federal standard meal reimbursement is \$36.00. The bill allows reimbursement up to 72% of the federal rate, which would result in a 13% increase for in-state meal reimbursement. Based upon FY 2008 actual expenditures for meal reimbursements, the total cost of the 13% increase would be \$487,904 each year.
- 2. It is assumed that agencies are already paying the allowable federal lodging rates in Montana, due to the difficultly in finding lodging for less than the federal rate. Therefore, no increase is estimated for this change.
- 3. There was not a reasonable method to estimate the non-receiptable lodging increase, therefore no estimate has been included.
- 4. A 2.5% general inflationary increase is applied each year.
- 5. Funding for the Montana University System is assumed to be 43% general fund on current unrestricted fund costs.

	FY 2010 Difference	FY 2011 Difference	FY 2012 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2013 Difference			
Fiscal Impact:							
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Expenditures:	\$487,904	\$500,102	\$512,604	\$525,419			
Operating Expenses	•	\$4,476	\$4,587	\$4,703			
Transfers	\$4,366	\$504,578	\$517,191	\$530,122			
TOTAL Expenditures	\$492,270	\$304,378	\$517,171	Ψ350,122			
Funding of Expenditures:							
General Fund (01)	\$102,068	\$109,095	\$111,822	\$114,618			
State Special Revenue (02)	\$243,503	\$249,591	\$255,830	\$262,226			
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$85,845	\$87,991	\$90,191	\$92,446			
Other (06)	\$28,860	\$29,582	\$30,321	\$31,079			
MUS - Current Unrest. Fund (31	\$10,153	\$10,407	\$10,667	\$10,934			
MUS - Other (3x)	\$17,475_	\$17,912	\$18,360	\$18,819			
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$487,904	\$504,578	\$517,191	\$530,122			
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Revenues:				·			
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Other (06)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
MUS - Current Unrest. Fund (31	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
MUS - Other (3x)	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	\$0_	\$0			
TOTAL Revenues	\$0_	<u>\$0</u>		\$0			
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):							
General Fund (01)	(\$102,068)	(\$109,095)	(\$111,822)	(\$114,618)			
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$243,503)	(\$249,591)	(\$255,830)	(\$262,226)			
Federal Special Revenue (03)	(\$85,845)	(\$87,991)	(\$90,191)	(\$92,446) (\$31,070)			
Other (06)	(\$28,860)	(\$29,582)	(\$30,321)	(\$31,079) (\$10,934)			
MUS - Current Unrest. Fund (31	(\$10,153)	(\$10,407)	(\$10,667)	(\$10,934) (\$18,819)			
MUS - Other (3x)	(\$17,475)	(\$17,912)	(\$18,360)	(\$10,019)			

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:

Sponsor's Initials

Date

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<sup>1.</sup> Many cities and counties follow the state guidelines in regard to travel reimbursements. Those local government entities could see a similar impact on their spending.